

IMPORTANT EVENTS ON LINKS AND COURTS—OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST IN SPORTDOM

MERION GOLF COURSE PEER OF ANY IN THIS COUNTRY, TRAVERS' OPINION

Open Champion, Who Played Here Recently Is Qualified to Judge. Benny Sayers Is Even More Enthusiastic and Says Foreign Greens Are Not a Bit Better.

In speaking of golf courses that are of championship calibre, conversation is usually confined to Elwanok, Garden City, Baltusrol, Apawamis and a half dozen others, all of them quite distant from Philadelphia. Yet within half an hour of City Hall there is a golf course that compares not at all unfavorably with any of them. Even in its present state, with less traps and bunkers than are usually to be found on a short nine-hole course, Merion is a sufficient test of golf for either of the national events, and unless every one is very much mistaken the Main Line club will be the scene of the amateur championship of the United States Golf Association next year.

Jerry Travers, who played 34 holes a day for three days over Merion last week, thinks the course is the peer of any in this country, while Benny Sayers is even more enthusiastic. As Sayers has played on virtually every course on the British Isles, his opinion carries considerable weight.

Merion is not trapped and bunkered at present because of the 90 per cent. of the club's golfers who are not cranks. It is sufficiently hard for the remaining 10 per cent. and not too difficult to take away a cent. and not too difficult to take away a cent. and not too difficult to take away a cent.

The new hole pins at Merion have been the subject of much favorable comment, not alone among the men stars who played there last, but by the women who played in the Glacom Cup matches three weeks ago, as well. Instead of the usual flags, which, when a head wind is blowing, are invisible, wooden pins, with alternating stripes of black and white, and large, wicker, pear shaped tops, are used. On the out holes the tops are red, on the in holes yellow, and they can be seen for a mile. William Flynn, the Merion greenskeeper, is the originator.

During a match Travers seldom, if ever, addresses a remark to his opponent, so intent is he on his game. It is the shot and not the one just played in the final, with Walter Reynolds, of the Sands tournament at Merion on Saturday, Travers found the cups in the most trying of places. Therefore he brooded in gloom, of tactility, and asked Ben Sayers who was responsible for the changes, "Why didn't you put the holes on the moon?" Of Reynolds, Sayers said, "Eh, and he's a gr-r-r-an' player."

Mr. Golf is a funny fellow. Yesterday, when Buxton was 3 up and 5 to go, his caddy wanted to bet Cleveland's caddy \$1,000,000 that Buxton would win and, though he offered odds of \$10,000,000 to one, Cleveland's caddy would not take him. The latter now regrets his lack of nerve. Cleveland won on the 12th hole after having four holes in the lead. He was down in six at that. Buxton scuffed his drive into a ditch. He had to play his second while on his knees and had a long slice into the rough. He put his fourth into the creek and failed to hole out his approach. Cleveland was in trouble twice, especially when he put his ball under an embankment in a cup. But he laid his next dead and won the match. It is the first time that Cleveland has beaten Buxton.

The match was another illustration of what an easy-going timespiece temperament can do. Though three down and apparently out of it at the 14th, Cleveland was still cheerful, and his "dry" humor was as "flowing" as ever. He won the 14th in a par four and was two down. Buxton had a chance to be dormant on the next. His drive was perfect and his second was six feet from the pin. Cleveland's second was off the green on the side of a bunker. "I'll just hole this out," he said, and he did.

When he won the next, the match was square. Cleveland holed out another 25-footer on the 18th, when it looked like Buxton's hole. Buxton had a 77 and Cleveland had a 74, which is only two above par and equals the amateur record which stood until the 71 of Reynolds' Wednesday.

Nearly half of the defeated 16 defaulted despite the fact that two very handsome trophies are offered by the White-march Club to the winner and the runner-up in this division.

Cecil Calvert, of Arenimink, went rather badly in the qualifying round, but he was in fine fettle yesterday. He put out Mahan in the morning and was 2 up against Riley in the afternoon with a beautiful 37 on the first nine holes. When he got a long ball for his drive on the 10th a large gallery of the fair sex applauded vigorously.

H. W. Wood, of Old York Road, had two on the fourth and a three on the fifth in a practice round, which is three under par. He had an off day in the qualifying round.

The only one on the links yesterday who was not worried was one of the hazards. His name is "Cupid" and other nice things. He is a time-worn dog and is the White-march mascot. He falls asleep in any old spot on the course and has often been hit by the balls. He is the only moving hazard in Philadelphia. There is no penalty for hitting "Cupid." He doesn't object and comes back every day for more.

Riley put his ball on the side of the bunker on the 8th. MacBean laid his drive almost dead and needed the hole badly. Riley merrily holed out his next. The hole was halved in two—the first time in the history of the course.

H. H. Francine, last year's champion, was four down in his afternoon round with Dyer going out, but he was still as cheerful as ever. He took the 10th when he laid a beautiful second dead.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



SEMIFINAL ROUND REACHED AT MANHEIM

Four Racket Cracks Left in Local Lawn Tennis Tournament.

The semifinal round in the singles for the lawn tennis championship of Philadelphia and vicinity will be played this afternoon on the courts of the Germantown Cricket Club, Manheim. Those who are left to battle for the local title are: J. R. Carpenter, Jr., J. R. Rowland, S. W. Pearson and W. T. Tilden, Jr. The finals will be played tomorrow afternoon. This afternoon the doubles will be continued in the third round.

The surprise of the third round in singles was the defeat of L. C. Wister at the hands of J. R. Rowland. The latter had one of his brilliant days, and although Wister put forth all he possessed in an effort to stave off defeat, Rowland was not to be denied, and won after dropping the opening set, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5. In the other two third-round matches J. R. Carpenter, Jr., defeated H. B. Register, 6-3, 5-0, and S. W. Pearson eliminated C. S. Rogers, 5-2, 6-3. The three winners, together with W. T. Tilden, Jr., are in the semifinal round.

Dr. E. B. Krumbhaar and J. W. Wear advanced to the semifinal round for the doubles title by defeating R. H. Gatewood and Lieutenant Starr in rather easy fashion, 6-3, 6-1. The games of the Irish-American Athletic Club and the Affiliated Building Trades, which will take place at Celtic Park, Long Island City, next Monday afternoon. They are Howard Berry, University of Pennsylvania, winner of the pentathlon held in connection with the Pennsylvania relay carnival this year; Patrick O'Connor, J. Andromedae, J. R. Fritta, M. J. Pashey, Lavo Politzer, Tom McCoughlin and Lester Harper.

The world's record is likely to fall when Paddy Ryan, Matt McGrath, Pat McDonald, John Cahill and Simon Gillis meet in the scratch 35-pound weight-throwing contest.

BERRY IN PENTATHLON

NEW YORK, July 2.—Eight of the best athletes in the East have sent in their entries for the pentathlon, consisting of three field events and two track events and one of the features of the games of the Irish-American Athletic Club and the Affiliated Building Trades, which will take place at Celtic Park, Long Island City, next Monday afternoon. They are Howard Berry, University of Pennsylvania, winner of the pentathlon held in connection with the Pennsylvania relay carnival this year; Patrick O'Connor, J. Andromedae, J. R. Fritta, M. J. Pashey, Lavo Politzer, Tom McCoughlin and Lester Harper.

Huntley High Gun

CEAR POINT, O., July 2.—P. A. Huntley, of Omaha, Neb., was high man in the fourth event of the registered sweepstakes of the Indiana annual trap shooting tournament, which is being held here. The final event of the tournament will be held tomorrow.

Tie Game at Nazareth

NAZARETH, Pa., July 2.—Nazareth and White City battled here yesterday. The game being called at the end of the ninth inning with the score 2 to 2, darkness intervening.

RIXEY OUT FOR SCALP OF WAVERING BRAVES; PHILS GAINING ON CUBS

Moran Pins Faith on Fast-Improving Southpaw for Third Victory Over Boston — Chicago Manager Has Trouble With Zimmerman.

Eppa Rixey will be sent against the Braves in the third game of the series this afternoon. The big southpaw pitched a great game against Brooklyn and is looking more like the Rixey of 1913 every day. Manager Moran and Killefer deserve great credit for the splendid work of the lanky Southerner. They have insisted that he would be a great pitcher when every one else was clamoring for Rixey's release. Rixey's work has been a most pleasing feature of the Phillies' showing in the last month, and with him going so well the team's chances are much better.

In his first game against the Braves this season Rixey turned in a victory after a heartbreaking finish, while he lost a game in Boston under similar conditions. Today he hopes to turn in another victory and help the Phillies cut down the Cubs' lead.

The Phillies are only a game and a half behind the leaders and the Cubs are apparently slipping. Rumor has it that Heinie Zimmerman and Manager Bresnahan are not getting along as well as they did early in the season, and that everything is not as peaceful in the Cub camp as it was when they appeared here last.

With James in such poor shape, Manager Stallings is going to work Rudolph and Tyler as much as possible to hold the team up in the race until he gets the rest of the staff straightened out. Either of this pair of 1914 heroes is likely to twirl today, though it is Tom Hughes' turn.

Manager Stallings is becoming more irritable every day, and if the Phillies continue to wade through the Braves it would be no great surprise if there was a big shake-up in the world's champions in a few days.

O'BRIEN WILL MEET RUMANIAN TONIGHT

Alex Costica Boxes Little Jack at Ludlow A. C. Tonight. Hirst and Ford at Broadway.

Young Jack O'Brien and Alex Costica, Rumanian boxer, will clash in the wind-up at the Ludlow A. C., 59th and Ludlow streets, tonight.

The program follows:

First bout—Young Perrier, Whitehorse Social, vs. Tommy Burke, West End.
Second bout—Pete Howell, Southwark, vs. Mickey Carey, Bell Road.
Third bout—Young Sam Langford, West Philadelphia, vs. Eddie Dorsey, Paschall.
Semiwind-up—Frankie Howe, Southwark, vs. Benny Hayes, West Philadelphia.
Wind-up—Young Jack O'Brien, West Philadelphia, vs. Alex Costica, Rumania.

A return match between Young Higgins and K. O. Joe O'Donnell will be the feature of the initial show of the West Philadelphia A. C., 59th and Market streets, Monday afternoon. Matchmaker Harry Lyons has booked four other corking bouts. The club will hold shows every Monday night during the summer.

Joe Hirst and Barney Ford, Southwark rivals, will settle their differences, pugilistically, Tuesday night, at the Broadway A. C. Downtown fight fans have been manifesting much interest in this set-to.

The Garden Club will stage its open-air bouts on Friday nights in the future. For next week Promoter "Pop" O'Brien has matched Sailor Charley Grande and Knockout Harry Baker. The pair met on two previous occasions.

Billy Gibson, of New York, is managing Asse Rafter, world's amateur welterweight champion, who made his professional debut by stopping Tommy Ward in two rounds.

Tuesday night at the Atlas Club, Boston Ave. and 12th Street, Gilbert Gallant will meet in a 12-round bout.

No matter what the result of the Fred Welsh-Charley White fight in New York tomorrow night, Scotty Monteith is planning to force the Chicagoan into a match with Johnny Dundee. The latter won a clean-cut victory over White in New Orleans in 1913.

RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS THIS WEEK

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
Club	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Th.	Fri.	Sat.	Total	Avg.
Phillies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	29	4.14
New York	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	35	5.00
Brooklyn	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	42	6.00
Pittsburgh	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	49	7.00
Chicago	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	56	8.00
St. Louis	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	63	9.00
AMERICAN LEAGUE									
Club	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Th.	Fri.	Sat.	Total	Avg.
Athletics	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	29	4.14
New York	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	35	5.00
Boston	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	42	6.00
Washington	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	49	7.00
Cleveland	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	56	8.00
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Pittsburgh	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	49	7.00
Chicago	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	56	8.00
Kansas City	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	63	9.00

GUNBOAT SMITH BEATEN

Charley Weinert Won Seven Out of Ten Rounds.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Charley Weinert, 39-year-old boxer of Orange, N. J., gave Gunboat Smith a lesson in boxing at Ebbets Field last night. Weinert proved his superiority over the famous gunner by earning the honors in seven rounds. Smith had an advantage in the third and seventh rounds and divided the fourth. Neither scored a knockdown. Smith had a slight cut under his left eye. Smith's lips were cut, puffed and swollen. Smith weighed 134 pounds and Weinert weighed 136 pounds and fought two rounds less.

Today in Sports

Golf Philadelphia championship at White-march Valley Country Club.

Tennis Philadelphia and district championships at Manheim.

National clay court championships at Pittsburgh.

Baseball Boston vs. Phillies at National League Park.

Athletics at Boston, postponed.

Boxing Young Jack O'Brien vs. Alex Costica at Ludlow Athletic Club.

Eddie Morgan vs. all-comers at Trocadero Theatre.

Horse Racing At Latonia, Aqueduct and Hamilton tracks.

TARGET SMASHERS TO COMPETE IN WEEK-END TRAP EVENTS

Only Regular Matches Scheduled Tomorrow—Big Day Monday.

Only the regular weekly shooting events will be contested tomorrow by local gun clubs. Many of the runners prefer to rest up over the weekend and try their skill at the traps Monday.

Guns of the Meadow Springs organization will assemble tomorrow at Manoa to indulge in their usual club test. A practice trapshoot will be offered to members of the Philadelphia Shooting Academy.

Other events are slated at the Curtis Club, Cedar Park, Mount Moriah and at the Du Pont Club, Wilmington, Del.

Monday's card is attracting much interest at the various clubs. An Independence Day handicap tourney will be the attraction at the Academy Shooting Association. One hundred targets will be the mark.

Darby is to be the scene of a trap-shooting carnival on the Fourth.

Holiday sports at Chester will mark a big time for all. All kinds of events will be contested, the main one being a big shoot at the Blue Rock Club. Merchandise prizes will be awarded high scorers.

Walter Johnson a Father

WASHINGTON, July 2.—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Johnson is the famous pitcher of the Washington American League team. Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of Representative Roberts, of Nevada.

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National League

Boston at Philadelphia, clear.

New York at Brooklyn, threatening.

St. Louis at Cincinnati, cloudy.

Pittsburgh at Chicago, clear.

American League

Athletics at Boston, postponed.

Washington at New York, threatening.

Chicago at Detroit, cloudy.

Cleveland at St. Louis, clear.

Federal League

Brooklyn at Newark, cloudy.

Buffalo at Baltimore, clear.

Chicago at Pittsburgh, rain.

KEATING, NAVY CHAMPION, MEETS FLYNN AT GAYETY

Coal Miner and Sailor-Musician Battle Here Tonight.

What promises to result in a good heavy-weight boxing match will be staged in conjunction with the regular bi-weekly amateur bouts at the Gayety Theatre tonight, when Jack Keating, heavyweight champion of the United States Navy, and Jack Flynn, Pennsylvania coal miner, clash.

Matchmaker Joe Howard, of the Gayety, signed up the two colossal clunkers of fighting apparatus after much dickering between the respective managers of the batters. Keating is being recognized by many fight fans as a second Tom Sharkey. He is 6 feet 2 inches in height and tips the beam at 180 pounds.

Keating's manager, Nick Hayes, is ready to post a forfeit for a bout with Battling Levinsky or Jim Corbett.

The musical company of the U. S. S. Alabama, of which Keating is a member, will be at the ringside.

Courtney Expected to Recover

PHILADELPHIA, N. J., July 2.—The condition of Charles F. Courtney, the veteran Cornell rowing coach, confined in a hospital with a fractured skull, shows improvement, and his recovery is predicted if no complications result.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

American League Boston-Athletics—Rain.

Washington, 5; New York, 3.

Chicago, 3; Detroit, 2.

Cleveland, 5; St. Louis, 2.

National League

Phillies, 2; Boston, 1.

Brooklyn, 3; New York, 2.

Cincinnati, 3; St. Louis, 4.

Pittsburgh, 4; Chicago, 0.

Federal League

Chicago, 2; Newark, 3 (11 innings).

Kansas City, 6; Brooklyn, 2.

Kansas City, 3; Brooklyn, 3 (10 games).

Baltimore, 3; Pittsburgh, 4.

Pittsburgh, 13; Baltimore, 3 (10 games).

Buffalo, 3; St. Louis, 1.

St. Louis, 11; Buffalo, 0 (10 games).



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